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Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez and Leonor Rodriguez
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Re: Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez and Leonor Rodriguez
WREV(AM), Reidsville, NC
Facility Identification Number: 41442
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 10, 2019, on behalf of Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez and Leonor Rodriguez ("The Rodriguezes"). The Rodriguezes request special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WREV(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities.¹ Specifically, it is requested that the station be permitted to operate from a tower at its current transmitter site that has been reduced in height.

In support of the request, The Rodriguezes state that the owner of the tower reduced the height of the tower from 258 feet to 199 feet, which was beyond their control. Station WREV(AM) would like to resume broadcast operations as the station has been silent December 13, 2018. Therefore, an STA is requested to operate with parameters at variance. Specifically, the station requests operation from the 199 foot tower with its daytime power reduced to 0.5 kilowatt.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WREV(AM) may operate daytime only from the reduced tower and with power reduced to 0.5 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WREV(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² WREV(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

¹ WREV(AM) is licensed for operation on 1220 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (NDD-D).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

This authority expires on **October 13, 2019**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Matthew H. McCormick, Esq. (via email only)